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METHOD TO CREATE A HOT MELT FORM FOR USE WITH

AN AIR INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-18 and add new claims 19-33.

19. (NEW) A method for forming an elastomeric seal for use with an air induction assembly comprising the steps of:

melting a thermal mastic elastomeric material to a liquid form;

applying said liquid form to a surface of said air induction assembly to create said elastomeric seal.

- 20. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 19 further comprising the step of blending a gas into said liquid to form a foamed composition.
- 21. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 20 wherein said gas is nitrogen.